

Stratford students 4th, Doon's 12th in nursing exams

By Lori Liphard

Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences at Conestoga College's Doon campus, said he and the faculty are pleased with Stratford nursing students finishing in fourth place and Doon's students 12th, out of 41 programs across Ontario that wrote nursing registration exams, June 4 and 5.

At Doon, 117 students wrote the

exams and 108 passed, while at Stratford, 37 students wrote and 35 passed.

"It matters that we do well, but what is significant, is us getting the number of students to pass the exam," Jeffrey said.

"We present very current curriculum concepts for students," he said. Jeffrey also said he has to commend faculty and administration staff for preparing the candidates to

write exams. "We do it and we do it well," he said.

Jeffrey said there is no sense in graduating 117 and having 50 per cent fail, "because they won't get jobs. It's hard enough to get jobs nowadays," he said.

Jeffrey said there are several reasons why exam results are good.

He said faculty adequately prepare students by setting academic standards that say the students must

pass the final exam at Conestoga, or the student cannot go on in the program.

Realistic exams are also set throughout the program, Jeffrey said. The registration exam is multiple choice, similar to the exams given throughout the nursing program, so the students can have the opportunity to see what their final exam may be like.

Jeffrey said it is also important to

have credible faculty who keep current in today's market. Jeffrey said because the college has good teachers, a good curriculum, and good exams, he does not see any reason why students would have any difficulty passing the nursing registration exam.

"We do have highly-motivated students who want to succeed," Jeffrey said.

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BRT student achievements recognized at awards night

By K. Stephen Ross

Broadcasting students took their turn in the spotlight Oct. 2 as \$3,425 in awards were distributed at their 17th annual awards dinner.

Awards ranged from \$150 to \$250 at the event, held at the Cambridge Holiday Inn.

Guest speaker Jim O'Connell, a 1979 broadcasting-radio and television (BRT) graduate who now is Washington bureau chief for CTV and whose accomplishments include covering the Gulf War and Hurricane Andrew, offered advice on careers and outlined how his goals as a student were realized in the profession.

Awards covered a two-year period because there was no banquet held last year.

Award winners were: Kim Maukonen, Kelvin Mazik, Tracy

Willcox, Mike Coughlin, Caroline Innes, Jason Nijhuis, Mike Kelly, Greg Dietrich, Kelly Pfeiffer, Mark Francis, Angelis Moszniski, Drew Nageleisen and Kelly Knack.

The evening worked out well, said Sandie Ballantyne, BRT support staff. "A lot of volunteer workers helped organize the dinner, including Paul Scott, program co-ordinator; Paul Cross, Cliff Ronsley and Karen McCall-McLaughlin."

There was a fair mixture of students, past graduates and representatives from both radio and television, said Ballantyne. Represented were CHYM 96.7 FM, Rogers Cable, CKGL 570 AM, CKCO-TV, AM 109, CFCA, CJOY, Magic 106.1 FM, and CFPL-London.

Former program co-ordinator Gary Parkhill also attended the awards dinner.

Part-time students asked opinions

By Heather Ibbotson

Learner Feedback Forums held at Conestoga's campuses provide vital information to the college's Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) regarding students' needs

and concerns, says Marilyn Lambert, director of CCE.

At the forums, which are held at each campus once every semester, CCE staff distribute questionnaires to part-time students during evening breaks.

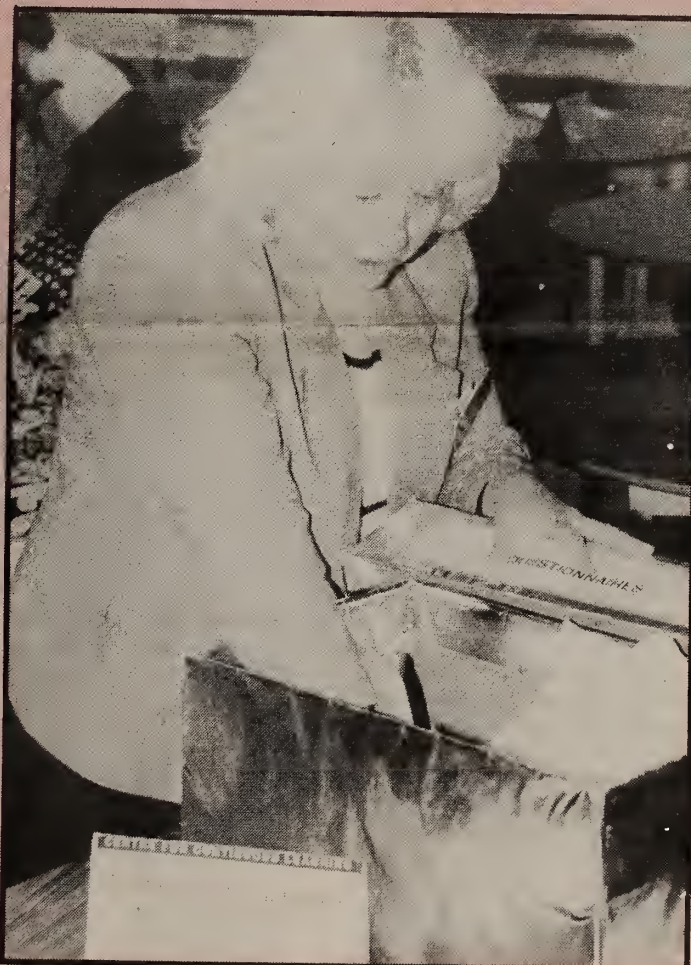
The last forum of the 1992 fall semester was held Oct. 15 at the Doon campus. The numbers and types of courses held on any given night allow for a wide variety of concerns and comments from students, said Lambert.

Lisa Brigant, of Cambridge, who is enrolled in a general drafting course, said she was concerned that drafting courses at Conestoga are not certified. "The course is very expensive," she said, "and should lead to certification like at other colleges."

Glynn Hardy, of Kitchener, who is enrolled in a preparatory biology course, said he thought the college was not as accessible as it should be for people who are trying to further their education while holding down a full-time job. "Not all the facilities are open at night," he said, making it difficult for people with full-time jobs and families. "People whose time is limited have restricted access to college facilities like the learning resource centre," he said.

Some students, such as Bob Diamond of Kincardine, had nothing but glowing remarks for the college. Diamond makes the two-hour drive from Kincardine to the Doon campus each week to attend a computer course. He said Conestoga is a "fantastic college" comparable to Ryerson Polytechnical Institute or Fanshawe College. He said he enjoys the rural environment of the Doon campus and feels "the course material is good and the prices are reasonable. It's well worth the drive."

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Marilyn Lambert, director of continuing education, gathers student questionnaires at a Learner Feedback Forum Oct. 15.

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)

DSA cashes in at Oktoberfest nights

By Nell Wells

College students turned out in droves for both Conestoga night and College night at Altes Munchen Haus — also known as Queensmount Public School — in Kitchener.

The exceptional turnout generated an estimated \$10,000 profit.

Becky Boertien, Doon Student Association (DSA) activities co-ordinator, said more than 1,800 advance tickets were sold for the two Oktoberfest pubs which took place Oct. 14 and 15.

She said in addition to advance

tickets sold, an undetermined number of students purchased tickets at the door.

"After 8:30 (p.m.) we lost track of how many students attended because they started letting anyone in," Boertien said.

She said more students purchased tickets for Conestoga night, than college night, which was open to college and university students from across Ontario.

Students from McMaster University, in Hamilton, and Durham College, in Oshawa, took part in college night, she said.

Oktoberfest nights have been suc-

cessful in the past, Boertien said, due to the lucrative arrangement between the DSA and the Lions Club of Kitchener — the fest hall's manager.

She said all revenue from ticket sales went to the college while the Lions Club received all monies made from bar sales.

"Our only expense was ticket printing costs and sales tax," she said.

Steve Tremblay, vice-president of administration, who attended both pubs, said although "it is just an arena," he thinks everyone had a good time.



Come and get' em

Becky Boertien, DSA activities co-ordinator, sells recycled Conestoga College coffee mugs in the Doon cafeteria Oct. 19.

(Photo by Heather Ibbotson)

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Live and learn



By Troy
 Bridgeman

As I near the end of my educational term, one I am proud to say was shortened on the grounds of some uncharacteristically good behavior, I have a short, sentimental tribute to extend to the community encompassed by Conestoga.

A journalism student, with the alter-ego of a factory-working, rock-and-roll loudmouth, entered these halls, a proverbial babe in the woods without a clause (if you will permit me to mix metaphors).

Thirty-one years of complaining led him back with a sense of purpose. That purpose was not necessarily scheduled in the course curriculum, but perhaps was the result of combining separate elements, in the hope of some positive reaction. That person, for those reading at a Grade 6 level, is me, the guy in the picture.

The reaction sought has been positive.

As a reporter for Spoke, an informational organ flogged by arm-chair critics, and sometimes even rational conscientious objectors, I have made every attempt to report, impartially, the most scandalous information I can find.

My search has taken me from researching the college's inception to stories about how it lives and breathes right now. I have interviewed, researched and written about its people and subjects, ranging from its bureaucracies to its controversies.

Perhaps it is fate that brought me here to the college during a 25th anniversary year, or maybe it's just coincidence that I got more out of the program than many might have expected. Whatever, this has been a banner year for me.

I have not come to this conclusion based on my marks (God forbid). It is not based on the brand-new, good-paying, job offers I have recently received from the Weekly World News, The Puslinch Pioneer and the Fumbuque Flyer.

My positivity springs from something more familiar — people.

The influences and information provided by such a diverse assemblage of personages here at Conestoga have resulted in a substantial accumulation of knowledge. Not so much knowledge that can be evaluated or recorded as an educational statistic or contained in an expensive textbook, but something less scholastic and more personal. In many ways it represents a condensed cross-section of the world.

If I ever become a journalist, my job will be to learn about what is going on in the world. I will be paid to do something I love to do, learn. Of course, the real challenge is to write it down later, accurately and objectively.

These last 18 months have served both as a period of practical and personal experience. I have met many interesting people and made some good friends. I'm grateful to every one who has tolerated me.

When my sentence is up, I'll have little excuse to come back and bother people. My classmates and I will go our separate ways. I'll be forced, kicking and screaming, into the jaws of the carnivorous and cruel world, and Conestoga will carry on, business as usual.

Right now, I am seriously considering the advice one of my instructors shared with the class during our first semester.

"Stay in school: the real world is overrated."

Letters to the editor

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OPINION



Taking the Magic out of basketball



By Neil
 Wells

Here comes that old black Magic. OK, he is not that old.

On Nov. 7, 1991, the world was shocked when Earvin (Magic) Johnson announced his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers, one of the more successful teams in the National Basketball Association (NBA), after testing positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Following his retirement, Johnson remained in the spotlight.

His involvement with the U.S. President's National Commission on AIDS — where he spoke extensively about his illness and how to avoid it — made for some healthy headlines, as did his involvement with the all-star game, where he was awarded the Most Valuable Player trophy.

His crowning achievement seemed to be the announcement that physicians had given him the all-clear to play on the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

The team, due to its superior lineup, was dubbed The Dream Team. During competition, the team easily overpowered its challengers, capturing a gold medal in Barcelona.

On Sept. 29, the world got another shock.

Johnson announced his plans to rejoin the Lakers and, by doing so, is the first professional athlete diagnosed with the HIV virus to remain active in sports.

Johnson was re-signed to the Lakers for a reported \$14.6 million for one year, making him the highest paid athlete in history.

In an Oct. 19 issue of People magazine, Johnson said the hardest thing he ever had to do in life was break the news of his illness to his wife of less than two months, who was pregnant at the time.

All this seems like a success story, right?

Wrong.

Johnson might be able to remain with the Lakers for a while, but unless he is immortal, sooner or later his terminal illness will catch up with him.

It seems Johnson is trying to make a statement that just because someone has an illness there is no reason for them to lie down and play dead.

The philosophy is sound, except that AIDS is a little more brutal than many diseases.

Anyone who watched as Rock Hudson and Freddy Mercury deteriorated into frail, emaciated wretches will think twice about Magic and his comeback.

He is a role model now, appearing on television amidst a group of young boys and girls, telling them about safe sex. But what about later?

It is unfortunate to see a hero fall from grace.

The fans who idealized Johnson during his career now must agonize along with him. Johnson said he knows he has no one to blame but himself for his predicament.

So why should we all watch?

Little things make us richer



By Stephen
 Ross

Give thanks for the little things.

We have all heard this expression before, but how many of us sit down and really think about it?

I went home to my parent's house for Thanksgiving weekend and discovered that life does not begin and end with the hustle and bustle of everyday living.

It does, however, hinge on the prospect of waking in the morning and being thankful for being alive and well.

My aunt Pat and uncle Jim celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary while I was home. Forty years of living together and raising six children who have grown and begun families of their own.

Jim and Pat's children gathered together from out of town to be with their parents on this special day — not just a day of celebration but one of thankfulness in seeing their mother get through another year.

Three years ago, Pat was diagnosed as having lung cancer. The doctors were not sure she would live three months, never mind three years.

Pat and Jim had their retirement plans made; they had purchased a motor home and were set to wander off on journeys to the west coast of Canada and into the United States.

After working their whole lives for their children, they were ready to embark on a second life together, savoring the knowledge that they had done their jobs well and had earned the right to do the things

that pleased them.

However, fate stepped in and dealt them an ugly blow.

Their plans had to be structured around Pat's fitness for travel and her radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Do not get me wrong. I wouldn't wish cancer on my worst enemy, but the saying goes, 'what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.'

In the case of my aunt and uncle, this disease has pulled them together and their love has, indeed, made them stronger.

When I saw them stand in the banquet hall rented for the celebration and realized what hell they have suffered through the past three years, my troubles seemed minuscule.

I realized that whatever obstacles and barriers I endure on a day-to-day basis, they are nowhere near the ones faced by Jim and Pat.

Life is not all wrapped up in the craziness we go through, in the madness that comes with being human in today's society.

It is the little things that keep us going and keep us sane in a totally insane world.

All I had to do on the weekend was see the smiles and hear the laughter of grandchildren to know that life goes beyond the walls we create for ourselves.

It all starts with being thankful for what we have, what we are going to achieve and our health. For without our health, the first two are obsolete.

Give thanks for the little things.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not all women are militant feminists

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for your courageous and provocative article entitled *Feminism is a Farce*, which appeared in the Sept. 8 issue of Spoke.

You state that you are giving your personal opinion on the matter and that is refreshing.

For too long, the militant feminists have been making statements about women and women's rights as if their opinions were the voice of all women. This is not so.

It has become politically correct to cater to the vocal militants but many women who have become successful in life have done so without having to demean men or other women who happen to hold different ideas.

In reading some of the responses

to your article, it has become evident that some feminists (such as Paula Stankowitsch in her reply) would prefer to take away your rights of self-expression because they do not agree with her feminism.

Would the end result of her feminism be the dictatorship of the feminists? Democracy seems to be low on Ms. Stankowitsch's priority list.

For example, she refers to the term "Ms." and suggests that it is a privilege to be conferred or rejected according to her whims.

Many women do not give a sweet care about this term and consider it a non-issue along with the extreme silliness of spelling "women" as "womyn."

Is she really so anti-men that she cannot bear to see "men" in print within the word "women?"

Where are the lofty ideals of equality now?

Ms. Stankowitsch suggests that reclaiming language is a vital step for women.

The use of obscenities does not liberate anyone. It merely reveals the low esteem the users have for themselves and others.

Further, Ms. Stankowitsch states that she is ashamed of your ignorance and discrimination.

By the bitter and venomous tone of her letter, I feel that she probably has enough to do feeling ashamed of her own ignorance and discrimination without appointing herself, once again, as the watchdog of everyone else.

Another response to your article was written by Christa Van Daele in which she attempts to refute your opinions by cheap shots, sarcasm

and a condescending manner. She seeks to know where she can find the feminists who lace their speech with obscenities. May I refer her to Paula Stankowitsch noted above.

In conclusion, I wish to commend your efforts in bringing forth the opinions of countless women of the silent majority. They prefer to work for the equality and improvement of all people, not just women. Poverty and discrimination are universal and not the exclusive domain of women.

The improvement of the lot of women is not likely to be found in the narrow confines of the militant feminists but in the actions of both men and women of goodwill working in a democratic and positive manner.

Mrs. A. Khan,
Ajax, Ontario

AIDS awareness robs many of the truth

To the editor:

This is in response to the AIDS awareness week held Oct. 5 to 9.

First of all, I am for the fight against AIDS, and I hope that a cure for this disease will be found soon.

However, in regards to this issue, I strongly believe there is a contradiction being made.

To teach sexually active people to use condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and then to find out that condoms are not totally safe (98 per cent to be exact), and to read that there is less chance

of getting AIDS through oral sex (How much of a chance?) is a contradiction.

I've talked with many people, most of them my age and younger, about AIDS.

I would mention that maybe we should get back to older values, make an effort to really know and to really love the person to whom we are attracted, before having a sexual relationship.

But what I get back most of the time are confused looks, stupid and insulting responses such as "Hey,

this is the '90s, where have you been" or "are you kidding" and even "having sex gives you a feeling of confidence and it can make you feel so mature."

It is hard to believe that these responses are coming from young adults who may shape the future.

It is sickening and insulting that those who try to do good, and try to keep their priorities straight could come under such scorn and ridicule.

The fight against AIDS, let alone our hopes for a better future, are

doomed unless the true meaning of morals, priorities, and most importantly, real love and friendship, especially between two people who are attracted to each other, are met. To win the fight against AIDS also means to humble yourself from pride and selfishness, which is a big part of promiscuous behavior.

The AIDS issue is missing some key elements, and as far as I can see, many are being robbed of the truth.

Tony Olivieri,
Housekeeping Services

A licenced lounge could improve student relations

To the editor:

This is in response to the editorial entitled *Campus bar would raise spirits*, in the Oct. 13, 1992 issue of Spoke.

I think a good point about improving Conestoga's school spirit has been raised.

It's true, the DSA has organized many enjoyable activities and there are a variety of school sports and clubs to participate in, but I don't see why there can't be more for the students.

We don't need to drink to have a good time, but let's face it, most of us do although that doesn't mean we drink excessively.

It would be nice to go for a couple of drinks and to socialize after classes, especially after evening classes.

Tournaments like darts or card games could also be arranged while in the lounge.

I feel this would bring the students

of Conestoga together in a casual and fun way.

We need something more at this school that will involve all students from every area so they can get to know each other in surroundings in which they feel comfortable.

I know there must be students who think having a campus bar would be a good idea for everyone.

All that is needed to make this work is support and input from these supporting students.

Once there are ideas circulating, then we can build more upon the financial aspects of having a campus bar.

It can happen if there are compromises being made, and, most importantly, we help each other to improve the school, with sincere and well thought out ideas and solutions.

Melissa La Flamme,
Part-time Law Enforcement
and Investigative Techniques

No respect from security staff

To the editor:

I am a first-year nursing student, and I am angry. As nursing students, we are taught human relations skills; respect, genuineness and warmth, to name a few. So, security staff, why aren't these skills implemented into your jobs?

Since September, I've got two parking tickets. I went to the security office to explain to them that I occasionally forget to put up my decal. I do have one and I did pay for it. I thought if I showed it to them they might give me a break. They abruptly told me that I have to pay for the tickets and that was their final word. I was cut off in mid-sen-

tence.

Maybe they think rudeness and condescension are skills vital for their jobs, but I think not.

Technically, I have to pay for the tickets because of my forgetfulness. However, I do know that as an individual and a paying customer, I should be treated with respect and dignity.

If you are wondering why I don't keep my decal on the mirror off-campus, it's because we've been warned that people try to steal them. So why invite trouble?

Maybe we need a new system?

Arlene Martin,
Nursing, Year 1

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Doon Christian Fellowship group offers students sanctuary

By Sandra Schuett

A few years ago, Mark O'Keefe faced the biggest conflict of his life. He decided to give up his music career to become a member of God's band.

"I came to a point where I wanted to change," said the 32-year-old woodworking student, who is in his second year at Conestoga College.

"I was drinking regularly and one morning I woke up so sick I didn't think I was going to make it. I thought if I died today I wouldn't have a leg to stand on."

O'Keefe said he realized how frail humans were, and it was at that point he said, "God, you take the wheel, I don't want to drive anymore."

It was O'Keefe's new-found security in his faith that led him to initiate the Doon Christian Fellowship in 1991. The fellowship holds a student Bible study during the lunch hour on Mondays and Tuesdays on campus.

He said the Bible study has eight to 12 regulars, but one gathering attracted about 30 people this year. Most participants are students, though two faculty members come out each week.

O'Keefe said the 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. time slot gives worshippers an opportunity to "look into the

Bible" while eating their lunch.

The Bible study is not an intense religious ceremony, nor is it "super organized," said O'Keefe. He added that the non-denominational group usually opens and closes with a prayer, reads some scriptures, sings songs and then holds a discussion, which, he said, does not have to have a strong focus.

O'Keefe said the group usually consists of an equal number of women and men, but this year more males have been attending readings. He admitted that some people might be afraid to attend because of peer pressure. They might show up though, he said, and see someone they know.

Bobbie-Jo Foerster, a second-year early childhood education student, and a born-again Christian, said she heard about the fellowship through other people.

"I enjoy it and I meet a lot of new people," she said.

Engineering technology instructor Arden Mertz said he meets with the fellowship when he can to study the Bible. He added that there have been other groups in the past at Conestoga and many universities have the same sort of fellowships.

"Our commonality," he said. "Is our personal belief in Jesus Christ as our Savior."



Mark O'Keefe, a second-year woodworking student, leads a song during a student Bible study group reading held on Doon campus.

(Photo by Sandra Schuett)

O'Keefe said he is glad that God came into his life and he realizes that his former life was unproductive.

"I was blind," he said. "Those desires are gone."

But, he did admit to being tempted every now and then to taste life in the fast lane.

"I'm human, very human," he said.

O'Keefe said people have to find

out where their hearts are towards God and use the Bible as a "guide."

The Doon Christian Fellowship meets Mondays in Room 1B34 and Tuesdays in 1B24 during the noon hour.

Food and coat drive scheduled to run throughout November

By Zen Karp

The support staff at Conestoga College's Doon campus will have their first annual food drive throughout the month of November, the same time as the second annual coat drive, said physical resource support staff member Carol Pease.

Spearheading the food drive is support staff member Shirley Nequest, who has worked on food drives before, with her church.

"Basically, what I'm asking people to do is empty their pantries of cans of food they don't need, or to look for sales in grocery stores and

pick up extra food items to give," Nequest said.

She said the food items donated will be given to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region, located on Shirley Avenue, in Kitchener.

Nequest said she has not set a goal for how much food she hopes to be collected.

The second annual coat drive, run by the Doon recycling group and Doon Student Association (DSA) will be held in conjunction with the food drive, said Pease, who will head the project for the second straight year.

She said separate collection boxes for food and clothing donations

will be placed together throughout the campus.

"We're trying to make the (collection box) locations as convenient as possible for people dropping off items," Pease said.

Pease said a total of nine locations have been chosen for collection sites: in the main building, at Doors #3, 4, 5, at the stairs in the main cafeteria, the recreation centre, the Student-Client Services Centre, the employer services building, the Woodworking Centre, and the Detweiler Centre.

Clothes collected will be given to the Multicultural Centre, Anselma House, and the Bosnian relief fund,

Pease said.

"There's a big need for children's clothing," Pease said, emphasizing items in demand such as hats, scarves, mitts, boots, and blankets. "Those are the main items, but if there are other things people have to offer, we will take them," she said.

Pease said she has set a goal for the amount of clothing hoped to be collected.

"I would like to surpass last year's total, which was about 900 pounds (405 kilograms). This year, I'd like to hit 1,000 pounds (450 kg)," she said.

DSA activities co-ordinator

Beckey Boertien said the DSA will assist support staff with the food and coat drive.

"Basically, we'll be helping with promotion, making posters and banners, and providing whatever help is needed," Boertien said. Pease and Nequest both expressed hopes for generous donations for the November drive.

"If people are warm and dry, there's much less chance of illness," Pease said.

"People have to remember that nobody knows if they're going to be on the street at some point in time — depending on this sort of support," Nequest said.

Guelph mechanic students use donated car to update skills

By Lori Liphard

A 1990 Mazda Miata prototype donated Sept. 17 to Guelph campus motor vehicle mechanic students by Guelph City Mazda has proven to be a plus.

"Any donation we get helps us to keep current," said motor vehicle mechanic co-ordinator Bill Buckley.

Buckley said the students are currently using the car for fuel injection and braking system testing.

The donation of the Miata, Buckley said, gives students an insight into the variety of ways auto manufacturers put different components together.

"Air conditioning is air conditioning to most people, but there are approximately four or five different ways of achieving the same result, so they (the students) have to be familiar with all of them," Buckley said.

Rod Wolf, a motor vehicle mechanic student, said he thinks the donation will keep students up to date with modern technology.

Robert Younglao, a motor vehicle mechanic student, said working on the Miata will "make me more efficient at my job."

"I think it (the Miata) is really nice, so the apprentices have something to work on."

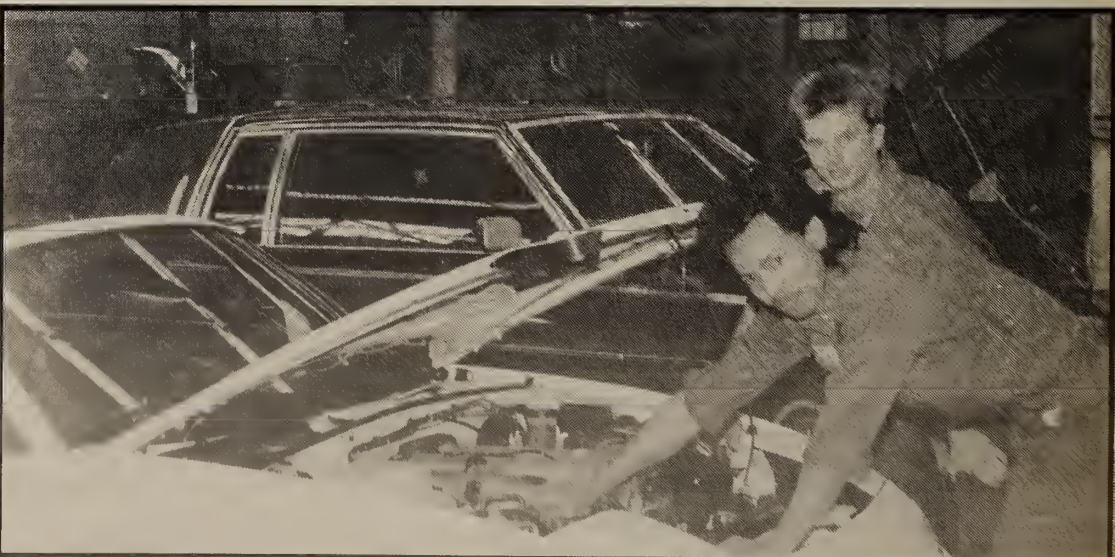
Without the co-operation (of the private sectors) it is almost impossible for an institution, such as Conestoga, to keep up to date with technology, said Hans Zawada, chair of the technology trades and apprenticeships program.

Buckley said the motor vehicle mechanic program has a computerized scope tester which checks manufacturers' specifications for a given car.

Students input the year and make of the car into the computer, which then checks electronic fuel injection, exhaust emission output, and the charging system.

The scope shows the student if the car meets or does not meet the specifications.

The donation, Buckley said, provides exposure to students, which "broadens hands-on experience,"



Robert Younglao, front, and Rod Wolf, rear, motor vehicle mechanic students, work on a donated Mazda Miata at the Guelph campus.

(Photo by Lori Liphard)

for students working on the Miata. The students, while working on the car, will touch, see, and feel, Buckley said.

"That stays with you longer than

a hand-out given in class," he said. "We have a wide range of projects on the go," Buckley said.

But the students do not necessarily work on current material all the

time, he said.

"We won't tell a student, 'no, that's too old.'"

"If it's automotive, we'll do it," Buckley said.

YOU TELL US

What do you think of your course curriculum ?



"I think my course curriculum is practical and will benefit me in the real world."

Julie Karges,
Management Studies



"My course curriculum breaks the speed of sound."

Pat Campagnaro,
Mechanical Engineering



"I believe that my course curriculum needs improvement because it is too full for the amount of time we are given. Sometimes I don't know if I'm coming or going."

Margie Anaktakakos,
Nursing



"My curriculum needs improvement because we need more time for the amount of material that has to be covered."

Vicki Antonopoulos,
Nursing



"I think that the course is great, fun and interesting."

Kim Cha
Accounting



"I think my course curriculum is very thorough. It is a heavy work-load with many demands, but I know I will be prepared for the real world when I graduate."

Jason Bozec,
Nursing



"The course curriculum, in the first term, is a good wrap up to the more complicated material coming soon."

John Weir,
Mechanical Engineering



"I believe my course curriculum is well planned for pursuing a career in policing but we need our physical training back."

Kelly Berkin,
LASA

Employment equity consultant helps Conestoga develop strategy

By Kim Loule

Deborah Hill-Smith fits into two of the four target groups of Ontario's pending employment equity legislation.

She is a woman and a full-status Mohawk Indian — she is also the employment equity consultant for Conestoga College.

Smith previously worked at the college for seven years as a faculty member in the business administration program.

Her role as education and employment equity consultant encompasses all areas related to discrimination and harassment regarding sex, race or disability. Smith has filled her current position since mid-July, after coming from a consultant position at Mutual Life and also brings with her experience from her work with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern De-

velopment.

She said many people misunderstand employment equity initiatives.

"Employment equity is a long-term strategy for change. People are a little nervous about job opportunities, but the recession won't last forever," she said.

Smith contends that the proposed legislation, having completed its first reading in Queen's Park, is largely a result of economic necessity.

She said demographics show that, as the Canadian population ages, employers will be forced to rely more on non-traditional labor pools, namely the four targeted groups in the legislation: women, natives, the disabled and visible minorities.

She believes, however, that "It's not just an economic consideration, it's the right thing to do."

As part of her job, Smith will be conducting a survey of the local community.



Deborah Hill-Smith

Residents will be polled not only on whether they fit into one of the four target groups, but they will also be asked to identify what kind of work they are trained for or experienced in. Smith said the census should be complete in four to six months.

"The process is pro-active at this

point," she said, "in keeping with the management style at the college." Smith said she will be forming a committee to develop and design employment equity strategies that will conform with government guidelines.

The proposed legislation would require employers who hire 50 or more employees to file numerical goals, and time-lines to achieve those goals, as part of an overall employment equity strategy. The aim of the legislation is to make the workplace representative of the local community.

The regulations will apply to the public sector, the broader public sector (including schools, hospitals and municipalities) and the private sector.

Smith said employers could face fines up to \$250,000 for failure to comply with the legislation, depending on the number of infrac-

tions.

She said part of the employment strategy will include more emphasis on outreach programs to solicit applications from the targeted groups. This will include advertising job openings in media other than the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Smith said, because by advertising only in certain media, the college is inadvertently excluding people.

She said the college will also increase "support initiatives" for people once they are hired, to ease them into non-traditional occupa-

"Quotas are a numbers game," said Smith, who objects to the use of the term which she said permeates the media. "We'll (the college) be hiring the best qualified person for the position. The college is doing the right thing with their involvement in employment equity."

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In the DSA activities office



Student concerns are voiced at forum

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At the Learner Feedback Forums, students remain anonymous while answering questions regarding age, sex, employment status, course taken, reasons for taking a CCE course, ease or difficulty of registration and why Conestoga was chosen.

Students are also asked to rate the quality of their course and the availability of campus facilities. Lambert said these forums represent a "good cross-section" of students' feelings and

bring out concerns which may be specific to certain campuses.

Tabulated results are distributed to Conestoga's program chairs, the communications and public relations department, and the board of governors.

The forums began in September 1991 and Lambert said her department now has one full year's worth of data to act as a basis for analyzing results from future forums.

During the 1991-92 school year, 1,491 questionnaires were returned.

Hospital setting helps students

Continued from Page 1

But if the students are not motivated, they will not pass, he said. "This course challenges students day-to-day."

The Canadian Nurses' Association (CNA), has an exam preparatory guide book that can be ordered by mail. The guide, Jeffrey said, gives typical questions that might be asked on the registration exam. The CNA is also interested in advising students on how best to prepare for the exam, Jeffrey said.

An order form distributed by the CNA said the prep guide "contains interesting background information on how the exam is developed, formatted and scored."

Jeffrey said students can write anywhere in the province. Most local students from the Kitchener-

Waterloo area write in Hamilton, but they may also write in London or Toronto.

Jeffrey said other colleges and universities that participate are the University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, Hamilton's McMaster University, Canadore College, Seneca College, and Mohawk College.

During the processing time to validate marks and statistics, Jeffrey said, some students wait to find out their results before seeking em-

ployment. But sometimes employers already assume the graduate is a registered nurse after writing the exam, he said.

Jeffrey thinks Stratford may do better in exam results than Doon because Stratford is smaller and students at the Stratford campus often live in residence and have more study groups and smaller faculty.

But Jeffrey said the curriculum and equipment at Stratford is the same as at Doon.

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Counsellors' Corner

By Pat Trudeau



When Frank Abel included a question in the Conestoga College Student Survey that read, "I would like to have a College counsellor review the results of the survey with me," coun-

sellors had no idea how many of the 1,850 first-year students would answer "yes." There were 258.

The counsellors and the chair of Student Services also said "Yes" and sent letters to those students offering five days of drop-in time when students could address their concerns.

The concerns varied. Test anxiety, workload, program choice, math, reading overload, financial, career prospects, physical challenges, learning problems, feeling isolated, English comprehension, extracurricular responsibili-

ties such as part-time work and family duties.

The common element we discovered was that many of the students who expressed concern about their success were mature students who were returning to school after many years. They were not so much academically challenged as "life challenged."

All had either completed upgrading or had demonstrated academic proficiency in pre-admission tests. Several felt weak in math and worried about learning computer skills. However, the main issue seemed to be that they were

overwhelmed by the major changes in their lives and the catastrophic fear of failing after investing so much in getting here.

They were not inadequate for the academic tasks but rather just plain scared.

To most of the students who responded, we were able to provide some help in the form of study skills, peer tutoring, printed material, referrals to Co-op Placement for career materials and stress management techniques.

Some will return for further counselling.

There is another resource

which I can recommend. Three weeks ago I had the privilege of attending the first meeting of the Mature Students' Association. Spearheaded by two dynamic students, Regis Coladipietro (CPA) and Georgia Wilson, this association is totally student run and aims to help students to cope with college life.

Watch for announcements of future meetings.

If you have concerns that you would like to discuss, but have not yet seen a counsellor, please book an appointment at the reception desk in the Student Services area.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Video release traces life of last Yahí Indian

By Heather Ibbotson

A strong cast and a fact-based plot mix well to create a story of poignant human interest in the movie *The Last of His Tribe*.

Newly-released for home video, this 1992 film tells the story of Ishi, the last surviving member of the Yahí Indian tribe.

In California in 1911, a starving man, Ishi, played by Canadian-born actor Graham Greene, is captured while attempting to raid a slaughterhouse and is later identified as a Yahí Indian — a native Californian tribe thought to be extinct.

Ishi is taken in by noted anthropologist Dr. Alfred Kroeber, played by Jon Voight, and his wife Henriette, played by Anne Archer.

Through a series of flashbacks, Ishi relates the experiences of his tribe and the violent deaths of everyone he ever knew at the hands of the white man.

Kroeber, both in the movie and in real life, made the ethnographic study of Ishi, his language, beliefs and traditions, his life-long work.

There are many emotional scenes in the film, both joyous and sorrowful, as Ishi struggles to fit into the white man's world with the help of

Kroeber, who hires him as a museum helper in order to avoid Ishi's placement on a distant and foreign (to Ishi) Indian reservation.

VIDEO REVIEW

Greene does an excellent job of portraying Ishi, a soft-spoken and proud man caught between two worlds; one which no longer exists and one in which he can never belong.

Voight also performs well as Kroeber, an intelligent and dedicated but emotionally distant man, who overcomes his view of Ishi as

an interesting object of scientific study to realize the true meaning of friendship and respect.

Ishi has difficulty understanding the white man's view of the world and afterlife.

When Henriette dies of tuberculosis, Ishi cannot understand why there is no singing at her funeral. His belief that a person's spirit cannot find its way along the Yahí trail of death without the singing of those who remain behind, and Kroeber's refusal to sing a death chant, is a thread woven throughout the remainder of the film.

Only when Ishi himself succumbs

to galloping consumption (tuberculosis), does Kroeber break down his emotional barriers and sing the traditional Yahí death chant, enabling Ishi's spirit to find its way.

The Last of His Tribe, like many films portraying the decimation of aboriginal peoples, pulls on the heart strings and is a depressing reminder of a race of people and a way of life gone forever.

At the same time, it is an uplifting story of the survival of one man against all odds, and his contribution, through the dedication of Dr. Kroeber, to the knowledge and understanding of a people's way of life.

Kuffs should be put behind bars

By Kari-Ann Puckering

The movie *Kuffs*, recently released on home video, makes several attempts at humor. The movie is unsuccessful in these attempts and becomes more annoying than funny. The creators of this movie should be the ones the guns are fired at.

George Kuffs, played by Christian Slater, is the main character. He is lazy, unemployed and always seems to run from his responsibilities. George leaves his pregnant girlfriend, Maya Carlton (Milla Jovovich), to borrow money from his brother to go

to Brazil.

His brother, a police officer who owns his own special protection agency, is killed by a man who wants him dead so he can control the small town. George promises his brother on his death bed that he will keep the agency going and protect the citizens.

VIDEO REVIEW

Slater's acting is poor and his constant narration makes the movie even more unrealistic than it already is.

The amount of violence and use

of weapons throughout the movie is a turn off, because they look fake. Slater, although in vulnerable positions, is constantly missed by the bullets fired at him. He is the hero, but how does he do it?

The story line is predictable. The viewer knows the ending just by watching the introduction. It is the sort of story that has been done just one too many times. It has a requisite happy ending with the main characters' problems all being resolved and everything working out just great. This movie is not worth a \$3 rental let alone \$8 at the theatre.

Lennon biography reveals the 'dark side' of Yoko Ono

By Sandra Schuett

Much has been written about John Lennon and Yoko Ono, perhaps the most intriguing couple in music history. But just when die-hard Lennon fans thought they knew everything there was to know about the eccentric ex-Beatle and his notoriously matriarchal mate, along comes a fresh perspective from an unlikely source.

The Last Days of John Lennon, A Personal Memoir by Frederic Seaman, is a journey into the lifestyle of a rich and famous man that many knew, but few really understood. Seaman, who was Lennon's personal assistant for two years, before his (Lennon's) untimely death in 1980, affords the reader a look at the Lennons from an intimate point of view which other publications cannot do.

The 300-page biography chronicles how the life of Seaman, and

some of his relatives, who were also employed by the couple, intertwined with that of the pop star. Included are 24 rarely-seen photographs taken by the author that expose the real man behind the myths.

BOOK REVIEW

Much of the book contains previously published information about Lennon and Ono, but several chapters paint pictures of a man dominated by his money-grubbing, unfeeling wife, whom he sarcastically referred to as "Mother."

Through Seaman we learn that the pair, by Ono's insistence, relied heavily on psychics and astrologers who charted their every move to the tune of thousands of dollars. Lennon was so brainwashed, according to the author, that he would not ride in a car or go out of the house if "Mercury was in retrograde."

Seaman thinly disguises his con-

tempt for Ono throughout the memoir, which apparently she fought to stop for years. He portrays her as a paranoid drug addict, who rarely slept or ate and who talked on the phone almost 24 hours a day, "spending John's money."

Ono apparently would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars a day on rare antiques, stocks, bonds and gold. According to Seaman, the Lennons rented two extra apartments in New York City's Dakota building, where they stored nothing but clothing, furniture, instruments and stereo equipment that they had purchased and never used.

Throughout the book, Seaman seems too infatuated with Lennon to reveal his dark side, but he does manage to paint a scary picture of a violent, paranoid man, who became very set in his ways during the latter part of his life.

The Last Days of John Lennon was released in Canada by Bantam.

Scarecrow to play at Halloween Bash

By Neil Wells

If you enjoy blood-chilling activities, you are invited to Conestoga College's Halloween Bash on Oct. 29.

The party gets under way at 8 p.m. in the Doon campus main cafeteria. The rock band Scarecrow — a tribute to John Mellencamp — will provide the entertainment. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.

Becky Boertien, Doon Student Association (DSA) activities co-ordinator, said students can bring friends, even if they do not attend Conestoga, to the pub.

She said people are encouraged to dress up for the event, as prizes donated by Labatt's brewery will be awarded.

"Hopefully the staff will dress

up too, because that's what it's all about," she said.

A pumpkin carving contest will begin at noon Oct. 29 and the creations will be used as centre-pieces for the bash.

Boertien said the DSA will supply the pumpkins free of charge, and will award prizes for the best carving prowess.

She said students can take part in the carving contest by signing up in the DSA office starting Oct. 25.

Judging for the contest will be based on crowd response, Boertien said.

To get into the Halloween spirit, Boertien said the DSA will be handing out treats in the DSA office to anyone ghoulish enough to ask.

Scary stuff, kids.

Ask the DSA

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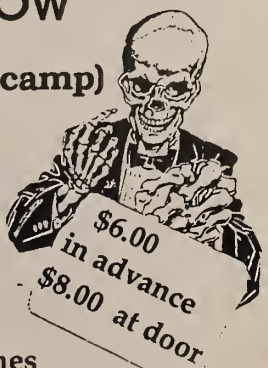
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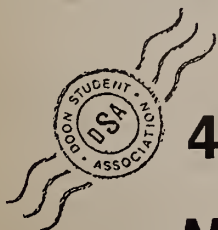
Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

4:30 p.m. Room 2A56

New members welcome

For more information see Steve at the DSA Office



Woodworking centre establishes A. Grant Glennie award

By Garry Erb

An award called the A. Grant Glennie award, consisting of a master plaque, a keeper plaque and \$250, is to be given in honor of A. Grant Glennie, the founding chairman of the Woodworking Centre of Ontario who retired in August 1992.

The award will take the place of the Deilcraft award which was donated by the Deilcraft Furniture company, a division

of Electrohome, which went bankrupt and disappeared along with the award.

The A. Grant Glennie award will be given to the second-year student who has the highest academic standing in the product design and development courses and the production management courses.

John Buss, a faculty member at the woodworking centre said the award was established to honor and remember Glennie and the dedication he has had to the woodworking

centre.

Buss said Glennie began his woodworking career at Deilcraft Furniture's quality control department nearly 40 years ago.

From Deilcraft, Glennie went to work in the quality control department for The House of Raymore, in Cambridge.

Glennie then came to work for the college as a faculty member and co-ordinator of the woodworking technician program in the '70s.

Buss said when he took the woodworking course at the Doon campus Glennie was his instructor.

Glennie went back to The House of Raymore for three or four years before returning to the college to teach, Buss said.

Buss said Glennie was involved in the planning of the Woodworking Centre of Ontario as it exists now.

"He (Glennie) was involved in the planning process and the acquiring of machinery and the layout of the

plant itself," Buss said.

The faculty at the woodworking centre has had a lot of contact with Glennie over the years, Buss said, "Some of us know him as a teacher and a lot of us know him as a co-worker in the industry."

It is for this reason that the A. Grant Glennie award was established, Buss said.

The award was to be financed, this year, by donations received at a retirement dinner for Glennie held on Oct. 19, 1992.

SPORTS

Men's soccer team ties Redeemer

By David Maybury

The Conestoga Condor men's soccer squad earned a much needed point Oct. 14, playing to a 1-1 decision against the visiting Redeemer Royals from Ancaster.

The Condors, who have five losses, two ties and no wins, are fighting to make this season's playoffs, said coach Geoff Johnstone.

"We are desperate for a win," Johnstone said. "The work ethic is there. The forwards are playing hard, the mid-fielders are playing tough and the defence is there. The only thing we can't seem to do is

get goals."

With one game remaining, the Condors were struggling to snag the final playoff spot.

"We need to beat Fanshawe and have them lose all their games to make the playoffs," said Johnstone.

"This team could be damaging in the playoffs.

"We just don't have a premier scorer, and can't score. Everything else has come together."

Johnstone was especially pleased with the work of his goal keepers, Rory Foreman and Dave Mitchell. "Rory did well against Mohawk (Oct. 6), the best in the league,

keeping us in the game. And Dave did a fine job today (against Redeemer)."

Both teams started the game quickly, scoring both goals in the first 25 minutes of play. Jason Tarrant supplied the Condor goal.

One of the biggest improvements on the team since the season started was the return of Angelo Incitti, who missed most of the season with an injury.

"He makes a big difference on the field," Johnstone said.

If the Condors make the playoffs, they would play on the road Oct. 26 or 27.

Condors women's softball team loses 10-0 to Durham College

By K. Stephen Ross

The Condors' plans for post-season play fell by the wayside as the women's softball team lost 10-0 to Durham College Oct. 14 in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association action at Conestoga College.

"It was a simple matter of hitting the ball," said Condor head coach Becky Boertein. "They hit the ball and we didn't; that's what it comes down to."

With only one game remaining, the Condors will not get a chance to repeat as champions.

Boertein said the season was disappointing because they expected to do better. The team's downfall,

she said, was a lack of one outstanding player and strength in the batter's box.

"We did not have that one player who could carry the team through the rough spots. Also, our team was not strong in the hitting department," said Boertein.

"It is something we struggled with all season."

Another problem the team had was an inconsistent starting lineup in the infield. "For various reasons, we always seemed to have one player missing almost every game, causing us to continually shuffle the lineup around."

Boertein was quick to point out the improvement she saw in the

team's execution of the basics. "Despite the constant shuffling, there was a steady improvement over the season on defensive execution."

The team should have a good nucleus to build on because the number of first-year players on the team, said Boertein.

"We will be able to use these players as leaders and a solid foundation on which to develop next year's team."

The goal of the team's last game at Mohawk is to play the role of spoilers. "We hope to go down there, defeat Mohawk and keep them out of the playoffs. That is the best we can do."



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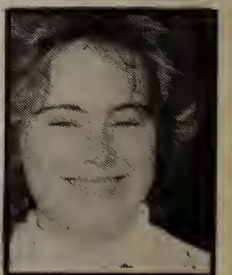
Suseanne Beilstein, an agent for Sun-K Sportswear sells a Conestoga jacket to second-year management studies student Brian Vanrooy, Oct. 19.

(Photo by Sandra Schuett)

Athletes of the Week

Dave Long of the men's hockey Condors has been named male athlete of the week. Long, enrolled in the construction engineering technology program, scored three goals in the consolation final of the Northern College Invitational Tournament, won by Conestoga 4-3.

Jennifer Seibel of the women's soccer Condors has been named female athlete of the week. Seibel, enrolled in the marketing program, passed accurately and scored the winning goal in a victory over Lambton College.



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Conestoga first baseman Laura Martin stretches to make an out against Durham College. The squad dropped a 10-0 decision.

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